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## San Antonio Police Explorers Take 1st Place at Competition

On November 14, 2009, San Antonio Police Explorers from the Prue Rd Substation competed in the 2009 Plano X (extreme) Explorer Competition in Plano, Tx. 10 teams competed from in and around the Dallas/Ft. Worth area with each team comprised of three police explorers. SAPD explorers were offered one slot and ultimately sent one team from the Prue Rd. Substation. The SAPD explorer team consisted of Explorer Chief Justin Sanchez (19), Explorer Lieutenant Jose Lopez (19), and Explorer Lieutenant Sean Brown (19).

The competition consisted of the explorers working a 12-hour shift, 6pm-6am. The explorers were dispatched by Plano Police to 10 different scenarios throughout the City of Plano. The patrol car was driven by the SAPD explorer advisor, but the explorers handled the scenario without any advisor participation. The simulated calls for service fell within the definition of "extreme". Included, but limited to, were calls such as shots fired, burglaries in progress (with shots fired), domestic disturbances and a terroristic act in progress.

The performance by the San Antonio Police team was exceptional. After the scores were tallied, the SAPD Prue Team earned 1<sup>st</sup> place. "This is the first year SAPD has been represented at this extreme competition and their success is remarkable", said Police Chief William P. McManus. Chief McManus credits the explorers continued success to their dedication to training. The San Antonio Police Department is extremely proud to have these fine explorers represent not only the SAPD, but the City of San Antonio.

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